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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Legislative Deadlines.** A report on the Legislative deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin.
- **Pursuit of County Position on a State Budget Item.** The Corporation for Supportive Housing and Housing California are pursuing a budget proposal to provide \$6.86 million in State General Funds for housing support and services for child welfare involved families for a pilot program called "Bringing Families Home." Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals which increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including for supportive housing and supportive services, **the Sacramento advocates will support the budget proposal for increased funding for housing support and services for child welfare involved families.**
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-supported AB 13 (Chávez)** - related to non-resident college tuition fees for veterans, passed the Assembly Floor on June 4, 2015.

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- **County-supported AB 530 (Rendon)** - related to the lower Los Angeles River, passed the Assembly Floor on June 3, 2015.
- **County-opposed AB 744 (Chau)** - related to on-site parking requirements at housing development projects, passed the Assembly Floor on June, 4, 2015.
- **County-supported AB 1205 (Gomez)** - related to the California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act, passed the Assembly Floor on June 3, 2015.
- **County-supported AB 1251 (Gomez)** - related to the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act, passed the Assembly Floor on June 3, 2015.
- **County-supported AB 1335 (Atkins)** - related to the Building Homes and Jobs Act, remains on the Assembly Floor for action at a future date.
- **County-opposed AB 1347 (Chiu)** - related to a claims resolution process for public contracts, passed the Assembly Floor on June 3, 2015.
- **County-support-if-amended SB 254 (Allen)** - related to the relinquishment of portions of the State highway system, passed the Senate Floor on June 4, 2015.
- **County-support and amend SB 317 (De León)** - related to the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Act, remains on the Senate Floor for action at a future date.

Legislative Deadlines

On June 4, 2015, one day prior to the Legislative deadline to pass bills out of the house of origin, the Assembly and Senate took action on numerous measures including the County-advocacy measures reported below.

Pursuit of County Position on a State Budget Item

The Corporation for Supportive Housing and Housing California are pursuing a budget proposal to provide new funding of \$6.86 million in State General Funds (SGF) for housing support and services for child welfare involved families for a pilot program called "Bringing Families Home." Under this proposal, a pilot program would be created

for counties, which would be selected for grant awards by the California Department of Social Services, to help homeless families receiving either family maintenance or reunification services with housing-related assistance.

On May 27, 2015, the Assembly Budget Committee approved a foster care package of various programs with a net cost of \$56.0 million SGF in FY 2015-16 which includes \$6.86 million for housing support and services for child welfare involved families. The package also includes increased funding for two County-supported budget proposals for relative and foster parent recruitment and retention, and to maintain the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program and comply with new Federal CSEC requirements. The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee adopted the Governor's FY 2015-16 Budget Proposal to provide \$10.8 million (\$7.0 million SGF) to begin implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform, including \$3.8 million (\$2.8 million SGF) for foster parent recruitment and retention. These items are currently being considered by the joint Senate and Assembly Budget Conference Committee.

The Department of Children and Family Services indicates that there is a significant housing need in the County for child welfare families, and notes that the proposed additional funding for housing support would provide some needed help.

This office and the Department of Children and Family Services support the Assembly Budget action to allocate \$6.86 million for housing support and services for child welfare involved families. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals which increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including for supportive housing and supportive services, **the Sacramento advocates will support the budget proposal for increased funding for housing support and services for child welfare involved families.**

This proposal is supported by: the County Welfare Directors Association; Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; Shelter Partnership; United Way of Greater Los Angeles; L.A. Family Housing; Children Now; and the John Burton Foundation, among many others. There is no known opposition to this proposal.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 13 (Chávez), which as amended on May 28, 2015, would exempt qualified veterans from paying the nonresident tuition fee at California Community Colleges, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 70 to 0 on June 4, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 530 (Rendon), which as amended on June 1, 2015, would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to appoint, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 79 to 0 on June 3, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-opposed AB 744 (Chau), which as amended March 26, 2015, would: 1) prohibit, at the request of the developer, a local government from imposing a minimum on-site parking requirement for a development that is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, is a senior housing development, or is a special needs housing development; 2) allow a city or county, to impose a maximum onsite parking requirement for a development; and 3) define a major transit stop to mean an existing rail transit station, ferry terminal served by bus or rail, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes that is included in a regional transportation plan, was amended on June 2, 2015.

As amended, the bill would: 1) prohibit, at the request of the developer, a local government from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of 0.5 spaces per bedroom or from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of specified amounts per unit on certain affordable housing or senior housing developments that are located within one-half mile of a transit stop; and 2) allow a city or county to impose a higher parking standard that does not exceed the standard under Density Bonus Law, based upon substantial evidence in an area-wide or jurisdiction-wide study that includes, but is not limited to, an analysis of parking availability, levels of transit access, walkability access to transit services, the potential for shared parking, and the effect of parking requirements on the cost of market-rate and subsidized parking.

The Department of Regional Planning is reviewing the recent amendments to determine the potential impact to the County. AB 744 passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 44 to 24 on June 4, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1205 (Gomez), which as amended on May 5, 2015, would create the California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act of 2015, and establish a grant program for multi-benefit projects on or adjacent to riparian corridors, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 75 to 4 on June 3, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1251 (Gomez), which as amended on April 14, 2015, would: 1) enact the Greenway Development and Sustainable Act; 2) define the term greenway to mean a pedestrian and bicycle, non-motorized vehicle transportation, and recreational travel corridor that meets specified requirements; 3) authorize non-profits,

whose primary purpose is the development of greenways, to acquire and revitalize these conserved lands for public use; and 4) make findings with regard to the development of a greenway along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 61 to 15 on June 3, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1335 (Atkins), which as amended on May 14, 2015, would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act and establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing by placing a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales, was amended on June 3, 2015.

As amended, AB 1335 would require the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) investment strategy to provide for a geographically balanced distribution of the monies, including a 50 percent direct allocation of the monies to local governments. In order to qualify, local governments must: 1) submit a plan to HCD detailing how the local government will allocate funding consistent with the allowable uses of the funds; 2) have a compliant housing element with the State; 3) submit an annual report on progress in meeting regional housing needs; and 4) submit an annual report to HCD detailing the use of the allocated funds.

AB 1335 was not taken up before the Assembly adjourned on June 4, 2015. However, because AB 1335 includes an urgency clause and requires a two-thirds vote, it can be taken up at a later time during the legislative session, regardless of legislative deadlines.

County-opposed AB 1347 (Chiu), which as amended on April 21, 2015, would establish a claim resolution process for all public entity contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, was amended on June 1, 2015.

As amended, the bill would now apply to claims by contractors in connection with public works projects. The bill would authorize the claimant to demand to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in situations where the claimant disputes the public entity's written response, or if the public entity fails to respond to a claim within the time prescribed. This office and the Department of Public Works are reviewing the amendments for potential impact to the County. AB 1347 passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 76 to 0 on June 3, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-support-if-amended SB 254 (Allen), which as amended on April 22, 2015, would establish procedures for the relinquishment of portions of the State highway system without explicit legislative authorization, was amended on June 2, 2015. The Department of Public Works is reviewing the recent amendments to determine the

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potential impact to the County. SB 254 passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 36 to 0 on June 4, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

County-support and amend SB 317 (De León), which as amended on May 5, 2015, would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters in the November 2016 statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of \$2.45 billion in State bonds to finance a safe neighborhood, parks, rivers, and coastal protection program, was not taken up before the Senate adjourned on June 4, 2015. However, because SB 317 includes an urgency clause and requires a two-thirds vote, it can be taken up at a later time during the legislative session, regardless of legislative deadlines.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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